

SPECIAL NOTICES.

MASONIC—THE STATED COMMUNICATION OF Harmony Lodge, No. 17, F.A.M.M., THURSDAY, November 28 (Thanksgiving day), has been dispensed with.

W. HAMILTON SMITH, Secretary.

L. O. O. F.—FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 12—THE regular meeting in Thanksgiving night will be dispensed with. A special meeting for regular business will be held at 7:30 o'clock, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m. By order of the lodge.

E. T. PEITENBERG, R. S.

L. O. O. F.—THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING of Beacon Lodge, No. 4, O. O. F., THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING in the blue room, 7th St. at 7:30 o'clock, Nov. 27, for the purpose of conducting appropriate action upon the death of Bro. E. C. Merriam, P. G., who occurred this morning.

W. H. MORTON, Secretary.

C. R. McBRIDE, Sec. Sec.

YOU NEVER BEFORE ATE SUCH BIG, FAT, DELICIOUS OYSTERS AS WE ARE serving. They come from our own oyster beds in Chesapeake bay. Finest that ever came out of salt water. Natural, being fresh. Don't need any salt on them. Received fresh every day. That's one reason why they're so good.

77 Pine with us Thanksgiving day. We're going to serve a special dinner. FRITZ HETTER, COR. 14th and 14th Sts. Tel. 102-101.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 11, 1895. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the COLUMBIA TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY of the District of Columbia, for the election of directors, to be held at the office of the company, No. 500 5th St. at 10 o'clock, Nov. 12, 1895. The meeting will be held at 10 o'clock p.m. on Nov. 12, 1895. The meeting will be held at 10 o'clock p.m. on Nov. 12, 1895. The meeting will be held at 10 o'clock p.m. on Nov. 12, 1895.

DR. CLARA W. MENAUGHTON, DENTIST, HAS moved to 1022 14th St. N.W. Tel. 102-101.

THE CENTER MARKET FOR YOUR Thanksgiving Supplies. The stalls and stands are filled with the choicest products of the season. All kinds of fresh fruit, vegetables, and other goods. The market is open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Nov. 27, 1895. The market is open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Nov. 27, 1895. The market is open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Nov. 27, 1895.

LAST SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1895. DEED of trust for the sum of \$1,000, bearing date August 1, 1895, signed by J. D. Smith, and payable to the order of Henry E. Knapton one year after date. All persons are hereby notified that the said deed is on file in the office of the recorder of deeds, and that the same will be sold at public sale on WEDNESDAY, Nov. 28, at 10 o'clock a.m., at the office of the recorder of deeds, and that the same will be sold at public sale on WEDNESDAY, Nov. 28, at 10 o'clock a.m., at the office of the recorder of deeds.

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CONFERENCE CALLED

Churchmen Asked to Meet Before the Convention Assembles

TO DISCUSS SOME IMPORTANT POINTS

Views Regarding the Rules Governing the New Diocese.

OPINIONS ON BOTH SIDES

The interest in the approaching primary

convention of the new diocese of Wash-

ington does not diminish in the least

the articles that have appeared in The Star

indicate some differences of opinion in

regard to the probable action of the con-

vention. With the hope of harmonizing views

and facilitating the business of the con-

vention, invitations have been sent to the

clergy and laymen entitled to seats in the

body, for an informal fraternal conference

touching some proposed features in the con-

stitution of the new diocese. These refer to

the rights of the laity to be represented on

the standing committee, and to have a con-

current vote with the clergy in the election

of bishops. It is claimed that here the

only two dioceses out of fifty-three in which

this right is denied to the laity.

Another question is whether a bishop

should be chosen by a majority vote. The

law of the diocese of Maryland requires a

two-thirds vote. Here, too, it is said, with

the exception of one other diocese, Mary-

land, and stands alone among the more than

fifty dioceses of the country.

The conference will be held in Trinity

Parish Hall, the evening before the conven-

tion. The minister and laymen who have

signed the call represent, it is said, very

different views, so that it is claimed the call

will be a very interesting one. It also leaves

untouched the disputed ques-

tion of the power of the convention to form

its own organic law.

To the clergy and laity who shall be mem-

bers of the primary convention of the

diocese of Washington.

Those whose names are ap-

pended to this paper, respectfully invite a

conference of all the members of the ap-

proaching primary convention, to be held in

the Parish Hall of Trinity Church, corner of

3d and C streets, on Tuesday evening, De-

cember 3, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of

considering the wisdom of introducing into

the constitution of the new diocese the fol-

lowing features:

1. The laity to be represented on the

standing committee.

2. The laity to have a concurrent vote

with the clergy in the election of a bishop.

3. The election of a bishop to be deter-

mined by a majority of the votes of the

clergy and a majority of the votes of the

laity.

4. For the clergy—Thos. G. Addison,

Jno. A. Aspinwall, James W. Clark, Neil-

son Falls, Richard Lewis Howell, Thos.

Alex. Johnson, William H. Laird, Alex.

Smith, and Rev. J. H. Williams.

For the laity—Wm. D. Baldwin, Chas. C.

Gardner, Wm. H. Lee, Wm. L. Meloy,

Henry E. Pellet, Seymour W. Tur-

lock, E. N. Waters, Samuel E. Wheatley,

L. A. Wilmer, George A. Woodward.

The question of a constitution.

There is considerable discussion in church

circles, as readers of The Star are aware,

of the question whether the constitu-

tion shall be governed in its proceedings

by the constitution of the old diocese of

Maryland or whether it can make at the

outset a constitution of its own. A brief

summary of the arguments of those who

contend for following the constitution

presented in The Star last Monday in

an interview with Mr. Albert. The contrary

view, representing the opinion of what is

an influential minority, is given in an

interview with Mr. J. H. Williams, the

church, is submitted by an authority on

ecclesiastical law.

The whole question hinges," said this

churchman to a reporter to-day, "upon

article V of the constitution of the Protes-

tant Episcopal Church in the United States,

as follows:

"Whenever the division of a diocese into

two or more dioceses shall be ratified by

the general convention, each of the dioceses

shall be subject to the constitution and

canons of the diocese so divided, except as

local circumstances may prevent, until the

same may be altered in either diocese by

the general convention of the diocese so

divided."

The question to be elucidated is this: Is

it the purpose of the said fifth article, in

making the new diocese subject to the con-

stitution of the old diocese, to give it an

organic law from the outset, which can

only be altered according to the terms of

the constitution of the old diocese, or is

it only intended to give the incipient

diocese a law by which to organize itself,

but which may be altered by the general

convention of the diocese so divided, ex-

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THE OFFICIAL WEATHER MAP.

